



Operation Endeavor, the coordinated effort to reduce violent crime in Minneapolis and the surrounding areas, has completed its second 28-day cycle. Building on the measured success of the first period, this City of Minneapolis Office of Community Safety (OCS)-led initiative continues to discover the value of its resources and while building relationships with both law enforcement and non-law enforcement partners with vested interests in the public wellbeing of the region.



The Minneapolis Police Department's (MPD) collaborations with the Hennepin County Attorney's Office (HCAO), the United States Attorney's Office (USAO), the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), the Minnesota State Patrol, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF), and others are ongoing and still proving to be successful. A greater understanding of the capabilities and intelligence of the Department of Neighborhood Safety, and community groups such as the Downtown Improvement District (DID), has been realized, allowing tactical leaders to better deploy resources and maximize effectiveness. All in all, the data over the last 28 days shows continued marked decreases in most metrics for measuring violent crime – gun-related calls for service, gunshot wound victims, and carjackings.



Key Points for the Period 10/25 -11/21

- Citywide during this period, MPD officers on their Operation Endeavor assignment engaged in proactive policing for 45% of their total calls for service. In other words, 45% of calls were not calls to 911, but instances of self-initiated service to the community.
- ShotSpotter activations for this period decreased 47%, rounds detected decreased 46%, and there was a 55% decrease in fully automatic shot detection when compared to the same period in 2021.
 - ShotSpotter analysis comparing this current 28-day period to the previous 28-day period shows a 23% decrease in activations, a 14% decrease in rounds detected, and a 36% decrease in fully automatic rounds detected.
- Carjackings have declined 67% when compared to this same period in 2021.
- Overall robbery (which includes carjackings) is down 63% compared to the same period in 2021.
 - The current 28-day period, when compared to the previous 28-day period, saw a 27% decrease.





Concepts and Initial Findings

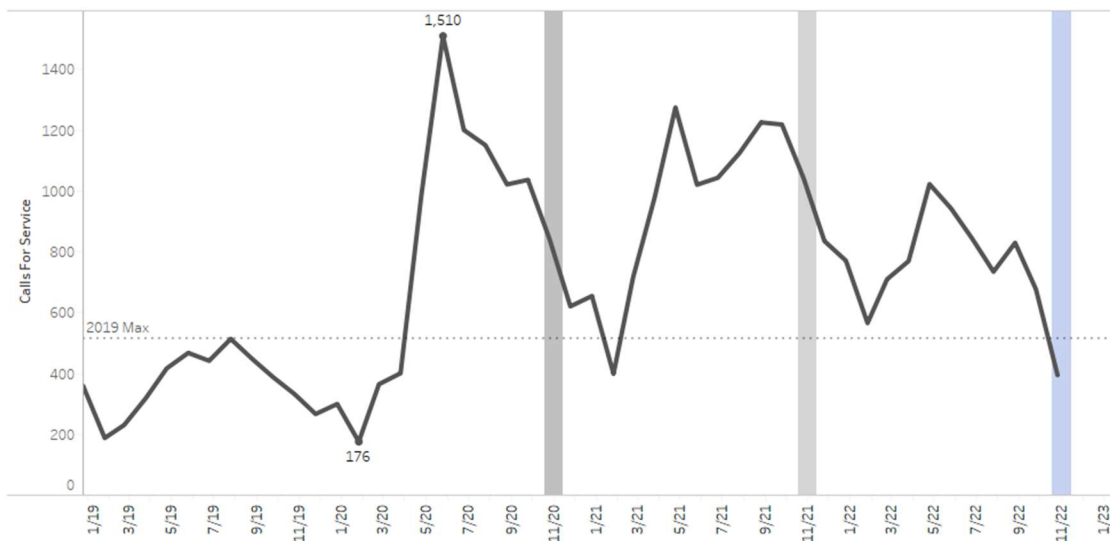
As before, the guiding principal of Operation Endeavor is to deploy resources to specified areas within the 5 MPD precincts using data analytics. The data is derived primarily from citywide calls for service (CFS) gathered from MPD's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, the MPD police records management system (PIMS), and specific unit data bases used to track contraband recoveries.

These sources were again used to examine three categories most representative of gun-related violence – gun-related CFS, gunshot wounds, and carjackings. This data comparison is being viewed through two lenses: First is by comparing the time periods of 10/25-11/21 in both 2021 and 2022; Second by analyzing the past 28 days covering this second report (10/25-11/21) and the initial 28 days outlined in the first report (9/27-10/24).

Operation Endeavor – Current 28-day comparative analysis

City Wide	Current 28-day Period	Same 28-day Period, 2021	% Change	Prior 28-day Period, 2022	% Change
Gun Related (CFS)	563	1,021	-44%	739	-24%
Gunshot Wound Victims	28	34	-18%	35	-20%
Carjackings	34	104	-67%	33	+3%

Gun-related Calls for Service (2019-2022)





Contraband

During the current 28-day period of Operation Endeavor, large quantities of cash, guns, and fentanyl pills continue to be recovered by the MPD, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, the BCA, and others. The OCS and its partners continue to see a strong correlation between gun-related crime and fentanyl pills.

Contraband Recovered, 10/25-11/21

Type	Confiscations
Guns	76 (12 long guns; 3 switch)
Cash	\$22,500
Fentanyl	10,331 pills

Hennepin County Attorney's Office

The HCAO continues to embed a county attorney with Operation Endeavor. This had led to 67 total cases being presented this period with charges brought forth for 53 people.

Charged	Deferred	Declined	Pending Decision	Total Cases
53	3	5	6	67

An important goal of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office as part of its involvement in Operation Endeavor is to ensure cases that are submitted for review are backed by a quality investigation, not simply increase the total number presented. In the last 28-day period, Operation Endeavor cases that reached a decision point were charged at a rate of approximately 87% - well above the charging rate for similar crimes in Hennepin County. Maintaining an embedded prosecutor with MPD allows for largely unprecedented access for patrol officers as well as efficient communication with investigators during active investigations. Additionally, training opportunities can be quickly identified and completed as litigation patterns emerge or case law changes.

With support from all partners, the HCAO is also leveraging this unique opportunity to develop tools to reduce the estimated 23,000 outstanding arrest warrants in Hennepin County. A particular focus is being placed on those who pose the most danger to public safety. The HCAO will continue to meet with and brief partners through December as this initiative develops.



Department of Neighborhood Safety



Department of Neighborhood Safety (DNS) staff continue to receive information from MPD's Strategic Operations Division regarding emerging violent crime trends and patterns. DNS has regularly shared that information with Violence Interrupter team leadership working as part of DNS's Minneapolis Strategic Outreach Initiative. The data has proven to be a valuable resource for the Violence Interrupter teams, complementing their own ground-level observations to better inform their canvassing.



Violence Interrupter teams have reported the following highlights for this reporting period:



- Violence Interrupters had over 3,000 contacts in the following areas:
 - Cedar Riverside
 - North Minneapolis
 - East Lake Street corridor
 - West Lake Street
 - Downtown
- Teams reported providing 350 resources or information referrals related to housing, food access, substance use, County services, and winter clothing.
- Teams provided more than 300 gun locks to community members, food to over 800 families and resources related to housing, financial literacy, and employment training.
- One team, whose Violence Interrupters are accompanied by a Community Health Worker responsible for connecting individuals to resources and conducting follow-ups, has been distributing supplies they've solicited from partners to people who are unhoused.
- Teams reported they were able to help save two lives by administering Nalaxone.



During this period, Violence Interrupters reported conducting 55 mediations, which are defined as active engagements to de-escalate conflicts that could lead to violence. Examples include:



- Working with groups and individuals to reach a mutually acceptable truce
- Short-term relocation
- Mediation sessions with group leadership
- Conflict resolution efforts with individuals



Specific examples of mediation activities reported during this period include:



- Meeting with and mediating between two groups who are engaged in an ongoing conflict.
- Meeting with a young person to mediate a conflict between young people who are looking for each other following a dispute with potential for violence.
- Immediate mediation and de-escalation with shootings victims at the scene of a shooting incident.



Community Partnerships/ Downtown Improvement District



On November 1, DID ambassadors began a pilot program in the skyways from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM in addition to their regular street routes. Community outreach resources and security services have also been enhanced at the skyway level. DID has purchased cold weather items (gloves, hats, and hand warmers) for outreach teams to pass out during cold weather interventions. These types of services are expected to continue during the change to winter weather. Ambassador pedestrian assists increased this period, as did downtown building occupancy. The efforts of Operation Endeavor have helped build confidence in residents, employers, and employees as reports of anecdotal feedback have shifted from “we love the visible presence” to “what happens after Operation Endeavor - we can’t go backwards.”



Conclusion

The tactics employed by Operation Endeavor continue to show positive results, both in the reduction of violent crime and the building of relationships. The exchange of information and sharing of resources among law enforcement entities is always critical when fighting crime. But the relationships between law enforcement and community groups in no less important as they provide different perspectives, opportunities, and intelligence as both have the goal of making this region a positive place to live, work, and play.

